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REMARKS

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Okezie for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephone discussion on December 11, 2006. The amendments presented herein are believed to enable claims 31-37 to be rejoined in the case. Rejoinder of claims 10-18 is also requested.

Disposition of Claims.

Claims 3-9, 19-30, 38 and 39 have been allowed in the application. Because of the allowance of generic claim 3, Applicants respectfully request that dependent claims 10-18 and 31-37 be rejoined in the case. To facilitate rejoinder of claims 31-37, claim 31 has been amended to depend from generic claim 3, as opposed to claim 1, which has been cancelled from the case.

Accordingly, issuance of a Supplemental Notice of Allowance for claims 10-18 and 31-37 is sincerely requested. If Examiner Okezie has any questions, Examiner Okezie is requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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